

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 and 7-10 are present in this application, with claims 4, 7 and 9 being amended by the present Preliminary Amendment. It should be noted that the amendments to claims 4, 7 and 9 of the present application are intended to correct a typographical error in one of the chemical formulas included in the list of dielectric and/or ferroelectric materials, specifically the duplication of Ti in the formula “Pb(Zr<sub>1-z</sub>Ti<sub>z</sub>)TiO<sub>3</sub>.” The Applicants maintain that this amendment is non-narrowing and is being made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-5 and 7-10 pending in the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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